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CANDIDATE FOR UNESCO DIRECTOR-GENERAL POST

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POLOFF delivered reftel demarche on the election for the 2009 UNESCO Director General position to the Director of Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jose Lorenzana, on December 16. Lorenzana noted that Honduras had been approached by Oman, Egypt and Morocco regarding each countries' own candidate for the position. After hearing that the United States would like to see a Latin American candidate, Lorenzana excitedly began to think of possible Honduran candidates. POLOFF will follow up with MFA and report any subsequent GOH decision. LLORENS